

REMARKS

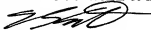
The indication of claims 16 and 21 are allowed is acknowledged and appreciated. Claim 16 has been amended to be rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of base claim 11. Solely in order to expedite prosecution, claims 1-15, 17-20 and 22-29 has been canceled without prejudice/disclaimer so as to render moot the rejection thereagainst. Accordingly, only allowable claims are pending. It is respectfully submitted that because no new matter or consideration are introduced, this amendment should be entered.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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